

Federal Communications Commission

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Valley Inn Volunteer Fire Department)	File No.: EB-FIELDNER-13-00011323
Licensee of Station KGW669)	
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Monongahela, Pennsylvania)	NOV No.: V201332400052
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: September 30, 2013

By the District Director, Philadelphia Office, Northeast Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission’s rules (Rules)¹ to Valley Inn Volunteer Fire Department (Valley Inn), licensee of Private Land Mobile Radio Station KGW669 in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation noted herein.²

2. On August 23, 2013 in response to a complaint, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau’s Philadelphia Office inspected Station KGW669 located at 810 Dry Run Road, Monongahela, Pennsylvania and observed the following violation:

47 C.F.R. § 1.903(a): “Stations in the Wireless Radio Service must be used and operated only in accordance with the rules applicable to their particular service as set forth in this title and with a valid authorization granted by the Commission under the provisions of this part.” Furthermore, 47 C.F.R. § 1.903(b) states: “The holding of an authorization does not create any rights beyond the terms, conditions and period specified in the authorization.” The license for Station KGW669 authorizes operation on the frequencies 46.40 MHz, 460.6125 MHz and 465.6125 MHz. At the time of inspection, Valley Inn admitted that it operated radio transmitting equipment on the unauthorized frequencies 153.830 MHz (Fire Ground 1), 154.415 MHz (Fire Ground 2), 153.080 MHz (Fire Ground 3), and 155.295 MHz (Washington County EMS).

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Valley Inn must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴

4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Valley Inn to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Valley Inn with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Valley Inn’s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee’s possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Philadelphia Office
One Oxford Valley Building, Suite 404
2300 East Lincoln Highway
Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047

6. This Notice shall be sent to Valley Inn Volunteer Fire Department at its address of record.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that “[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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7. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).